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9-20-02**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Prior to the examination, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:**Please amend claim 7 as follows:**

A 7. (Amended) A method according to claim 5, wherein the modifier comprises at least one anionic group.

Please amend claim 9 as follows:

9. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the modifier comprises an aromatic group.

Please amend claim 10 as follows:

A 10. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the modifier comprises an organic dye.

Please amend claim 11 as follows:

11. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the diluent is polar.